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In re application of

Jean-Pierre MARC et al.

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Group 3679

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LOCKING DEVICE AND PIPE COUPLING PROVIDED THEREWITH

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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August 13, 2010

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of May 13, 2010,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of  
this paper.